"When the dealers fill the bourse again"

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As we begin yet another month in this strange time, much of the world is still on lockdown as we collectively attempt to get a handle upon the COVID-19 global pandemic. While the prospect of attending a coin show seems like a very faint, distant light at the end of a long, uncertain tunnel, we can fortunately still pursue much of what the hobby has to offer via the web.

For now at least—*and, quite possibly, for the foreseeable future*—we likely won't be linking hands in unison while dancing around the Tree of Liberty. We also won't be standing extremely close to one another in a massive line (unless, of course, to vote, as *apparently* there is no other way…)

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For anyone who enjoys the wonderful world of sports, there has been a massive void, as every sports league has been frantically attempting to determine a strategy and path forward whereby each respective league can get underway or resume their already begun seasons. Even if the games are able to resume in the coming months, the prospect of hosting crowds of cheering fans is clearly not in the cards, making this silver medal for the 1970 World Cup in Mexico—*featuring what appears to be an empty Aztec Stadium*—particularly fitting right about now…

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Meanwhile, a sport that doesn't involve much contact between players (but instead a rather aggressive travel schedule that is incompatible with current conditions) is tennis. The constant travel between countries and even continents makes a contagion like that which we are currently facing very difficult to contain. As such, future tournaments have already begun cancelling their planned events. One such is the summer classic at the All England Club—the Grand Slam that is the Wimbledon Championships. Though there will be no tournament this year, it doesn't mean that we can't reminisce, such as with this runner-up prize medal for the mixed doubles finals in 1930…

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This great sports item was presented to Hilde Krahwinkel, still regarded as the best German female tennis player next to none other than the great Steffi Graf.

In spite of all of this longing for what was, and what can hopefully be again, it's great to be reminded of a similar sense of hope represented on this charming love token engraved as a nod to the waltz penned by Frank Howard in 1883…

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In this song, a woman wishes for the promised return of her beloved sailor who vows to be with her once more ‘when the robins nest again.’ Despite having the nightmare that his ship is wrecked at sea, she remembers his vow of returning and eagerly awaits the springtime and their anticipated reunion. Similarly, we can all hope for that time ‘when the dealers fill the bourse again.’

We will be back again later this month with another mini, revisiting some architectural types from the Wieners—*this time in smaller module*. If you’ve been enjoying these intricate, artistic types, be sure to stay on the lookout for some more gems to add to—***or start***—your collection!

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